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1. Training activity in the Templin (N 54/U 31) training area increased substantially during the period from 13 to 19 September 1951. Major tank and artillery units carried out frequent field exercises in the Gross Doelln-Gross Schoenebeck area, but did not use live shells. T-34 tanks  and truck  were identified with these units. (1) 25X1

2. T-34 tanks  and trucks  each carrying about 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, passed through Zehdenick on 17 September coming from the direction of the troop camp and proceeding toward Marielthal. (2) The fording practices with tanks on the Havel River near Burgwall were discontinued on about 10 September. 25X1

3. The troops located in the training area were supplied with fruit and vegetables by farmers who were forced to make deliveries to the VVEAB (Soviet Zone purveying agency) in Zehdenick and Templin. The provisions were picked up by an average of about 15 trucks per day from the troop camp. The troops were supplied with bread by 5 bakeries in Zehdenick and 1 bakery in Burgwall. Flour was shipped to, and loaves of bread picked up at, the bakeries on military vehicles. Meat supplies was shipped in refrigerator cars to the railroad stations of Zehdenick, Vogelsang and Templin, where an average of one refrigerator car was unloaded at each one every other day. Some of the meat was hauled to the camp, and some was trucked to cold storages of the local butcher shops. Trucks  were seen picking up ration supplies.  the units from Eberswalde, which stayed 1 km north of Burgwall, numbered about 7,000 troops. 25X1

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 MGB lieutenant colonel who disappeared some time previously had been apprehended. He had allegedly roamed about the woods and become insane. He was committed to the insane asylum at Eberswalde.  rumors according to which some of the units in the training area were to stay in the troop camp throughout the winter. (3) 25X1

5. A unit of about 200 troops with 20 x 85-mm AA guns and 35 trucks with numbers of  entrained at the Templin railroad station on 10 September. 25X1

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25X1 The train was headed toward Zehdenick. (4)

6. A train of 42 flatcars and boxcars stood at the Templin railroad station on 18 September. The flatcars were loaded with vehicles, 25X1

25X1 It could not be determined whether the train was being loaded or unloaded. (5)

7. Between 16 and 22 September, the troops from Camp Kannenburg, including tank troops, held field exercises at company and battalion level in the Beenz-Meetz-Kannenburg-Schorfheide area. Vehicles observed in Camp Kannenburg 25X1

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8. large tank units left the troop camp for field exercises on 20 September. 25X1

9. Infantry, AT artillery, and tank troops with 40 tanks were engaged in a field exercise in the area north of Gross Schoenebeck on 22 September. Three T-34 tanks observed there had turret and were marked with a red Soviet star and an upright, white rhombus with a white circle. Vehicles observed with the troops 25X1

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Comments.

(1) The Gross Doelin and Gross Schoenebeck area is situated about 5 km east of Zehdenick. the field exercises conducted in this area involved components of both the 25th Tank Div and the 6th Gds Mecz Div and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The tactical symbol

(2) in paragraph 9 is probably assigned to one of these units. the trucks belong to the 6th Gds Mecz Div and the 6th Arty Div.

(3) The trucks hauling ration supplies belong to the 25th Tank Div and the 6th Gds Mecz Div. Camp Vogelsang, which is located about 1.5 km south of Burgwall, is believed to quarter primarily components of the 25th Tank Div from Oranienburg and Prenzlau. In addition, headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from Eberswalde may be quartered there. The strength estimate given in the present report agrees with previous information, but appears somewhat low. The troops, who will allegedly stay in the camps throughout the winter, are probably guard details of units which practiced there during the summer.

(4) the train was loaded with a component of the 6th AT Arty Div, which was probably equipped with AT guns rather than AA guns. The train is believed to have been the train going south from the direction of Loewenberg on 16 September 1951. The presence of components of the 6th Arty Div in the Templin training area be accounted for stating that two trains were en route from Altengrabow to Vogelsang on 9 and 10 September 1951 respectively.

(5) the train carried a component of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

(6) Camp Kannenburg is the northern section of Camp Hammelspring and is believed to quarter primarily components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. This hypothesis is strengthened by the vehicle numbers mentioned in the which are mostly assigned to this division and to headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. In addition, vehicles of headquarters units of the Second Gds Mecz Army and the 25th Tank Div were observed. 25X1

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